

Question on Notice

No. 699

Asked on 17 July 2015

MR FURNER ASKED THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND MINISTER FOR TOURISM, MAJOR EVENTS, SMALL BUSINESS AND THE COMMONWEALTH GAMES (HON MS JONES)—

QUESTION:

Will the Minister outline the details of the upgrade of funds to the Ferny Grove State School Tuckshop/Uniform shop, provided for in the 2015-16 Budget?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for his question.

The Palaszczuk Government's 2015-16 Budget includes a record \$9 billion investment for the education sector. This Budget will deliver more teachers, boost student support, improve access for students with disability, upgrade facilities and build new schools.

The budget includes more than \$763 million four-year investment in state school maintenance – an increase of \$300 million – and a \$456 million capital works program for 2015-16 for schools and early childhood education and care centres.

This is an increase of \$64 million on last year's capital works program.

The Palaszczuk Government's first budget also contains \$152 million for the *Extra Teachers* initiative. The *Extra Teachers* initiative will see 875 additional teachers delivered to classrooms across the 2016, 2017 and 2018 school years. Teachers employed as a result of this initiative will be over and above increases in teacher numbers that flow from a growth in enrolment numbers.

The Ferny Grove electorate will see approximately 6 more teacher FTE's, working in schools in the electorate as a result of this initiative.

I am pleased to advise that Ferny Grove State High School within your electorate, has been successful in their application for funding assistance under the 2015-16 Smart Schools Subsidy Scheme. I have been advised by the Department that funding of \$165,000 has been allocated towards an upgrade to the Tuckshop and Uniform shop at the school.

I commend Ferny Grove State High School for its commitment to progress this project for the benefit of the school and broader community and with the school well in their detailed planning of the project.